

# École Porter Street Elementary A Learning Community

# NEWSLETTER

Sunday, November 13, 2016

*"Take care of yourself, take care of each other,  
take care of this place. Together we are better."*



## Lest We Forget Remembrance Day Ceremony

This past Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 10:50 am we held our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony.

This very solemn ceremony was attended by all staff, students and many family members. In addition, we were honored with the presence of several veterans and service members from our school community.

Highlights included our Grade 3 students reciting *In Flanders Fields* in both English And French as well as our entire school singing, *Peace, Love and Harmony*.

Mme Crowe created and shared an outstanding and powerful Powerpoint presentation entitled, *100 Years Ago - Remembering The Somme*.

Each class created beautiful wreaths which were symbolically laid down at the front of our gym.

Our Ceremony concluded with, *The Last Post ~ The Minute of Silence ~ The Réveille*.

## PSLT - Porter Student Leadership Team

Our PSLT is comprised of thirteen extremely motivated Grade 5 who want to make a POSITIVE and SIGNIFICANT difference in our school, community and globally.

Our PSLT includes: Fernando Aguirre, Tea Bortolozzo, Lynn Chang, Ronan Dickson, Spencer Eigmenmann, Michael Hamilton, Tomislav Knezic, Alexander Li, Zorica Lulic, Alexander Martinez, Vittoria Mazzuca, Noa O'Donahue, Javier Opazo, Jordyn Woodhall and Imogen Wynn Dulvy. Each of these amazing students display maturity, a keen willingness to make a difference, boundless eagerness and endless passion!

The purpose of our PSLT is to help empower and challenge our young people to act with intention and lead with compassion and conviction so that together we can transform the lives of others both locally and globally. Together with the leadership, support and care from two teachers, Ms. Turpin and Ms. McCall, our PSLT meets weekly during lunch to identify the issues that spark their passions and create the change they want to see. We will be on continuous learning journey during the year to find different ways we can support both our local and global communities.

Our PSLT began their journey of service with a campaign called, **WE SCARE HUNGER**. Each classroom received a box for donations of non-perishable food items. Our local Food Bank picked up the many, many food items and were absolutely amazed and appreciative of the number of food items collected.

In addition, these students attended WE DAY at Roger's Arena on Thursday, November 3, 2016 along with 20,000 other children and youth from around the lower mainland and our province.

WE Day is a celebration of youth making a difference in their local and global communities. WE Schools is the yearlong program that nurtures compassion in young people and gives them the tools to create transformational social change. Together they offer young people the tools and the inspiration to take social action, empower others and transform lives, including their own. In addition, WE day is a celebration of children and youth making a difference in their local and global communities. The day combines the energy of a live concert with the inspiration of extraordinary stories of leadership and change. WE day also brings together world renowned speakers and award winning performers with thousands of young people to celebrate their contributions and kick start another year of change.

In a recent school-wide assembly each PSLT member introduced her/himself. In addition, our team shared what PSLT is all about - organizing different fundraising campaigns to help raise money and awareness for both local and global communities. At this assembly, our PSLT promoted their first local community campaign, **WE SCARE HUNGER** as well as our first Spirit Day which was **Pajama Day** held on Nov 1. Spirit Days will be held monthly.

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION**

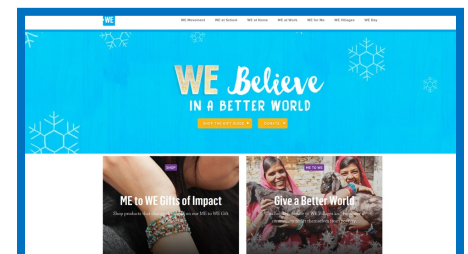
## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission at Porter Street Elementary is to create a caring, respectful community of learners.

The school community is focused on creating a socially responsible school climate to enhance student learning.



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# MATHMANIA

You and your child or children are invited to **MATHMANIA**.

**WHEN:** Wed Nov 16, 2016

**TIME:** 6:30 – 8:00 PM (Porter Gym)

Please read below – thank you!

**Hope to see you there!!**

As of Saturday, November 12 we have **90 students and parents** registered—this is **FABULOUS!**

**There is still time to register!**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO - simply email Mr. Passaglia at [dpassaglia@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dpassaglia@sd43.bc.ca) and let me know the number of children and adults attending.**

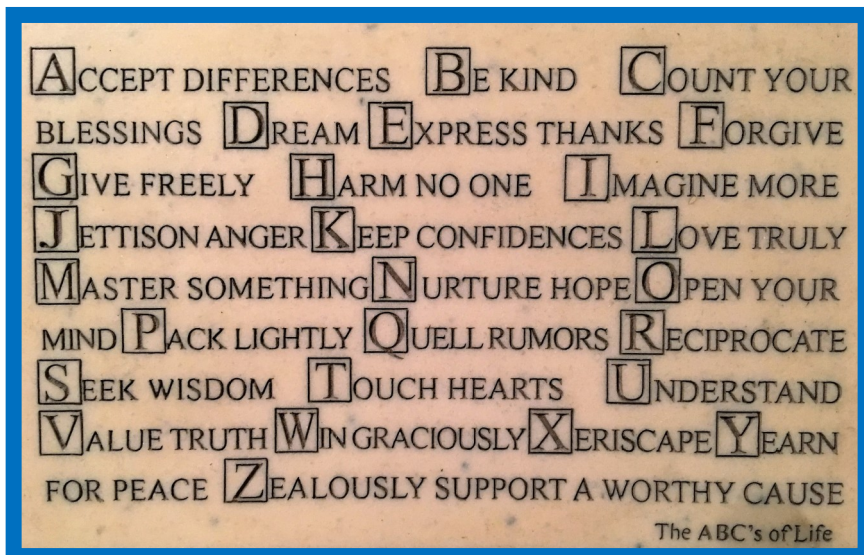
Porter Elementary School, has invited the popular *Math Mania* program to the school for an evening event. We are pleased to be able to come to the school on **Wednesday, November 16, 2016**. The event will be held in the gymnasium from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**. In order to hold the event, there will be about twenty volunteers – students, faculty and staff – coming from Douglas College that evening as well as the people from Pacific Institute of the Mathematical Sciences educational outreach. We look forward to meeting you and your children at the school on November 16.

## What is Math Mania?

Math Mania is a popular alternative math educational event which has been presented in some of the elementary schools in the Greater Victoria, Lower Mainland and other areas of the Province- the events have been held since 1997. Events are put on four or five times a year and are open to all students in the school. Although we welcome all age levels, it is particularly suited to grade one to five students. Math Mania is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by PIMS (Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences) as part of its educational outreach program.

Math Mania presents a variety of interactive demonstrations, puzzles, games and art these can include building polyhedral, matchstick puzzles, the penny game, the Set Game, Pig, Tower of Hanoi, error detection algorithms and building hexaflexagons, and a number of mathematical puzzles and paradoxes. These activities are designed to demonstrate to students - and their parents - **through hands-on activities** fun ways of learning both math and computer science concepts.

Math Mania has a website: <http://www.pims.math.ca/educational/math-mania> There you will find more information about and photos of previous Math Mania events.



# PORTER SPIRIT WEAR FOR EVERYONE!

**Order Window Extended to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Porter Spirit Wear is back for the Fall with more fun options to choose from, so you can show your school pride at school, at home, at the park or anywhere you go.

**ORDER ONLINE BY NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> @ pspac.com**

**\*orders will be delivered before Christmas break**

## T-Shirt Sizing Guide:

- YXS = 2-4
- YS = 6-8
- YM = 10-12
- YL = 14-16
- YXL = 18-20



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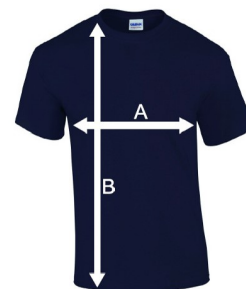
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SPECIFICATIONS		
SIZE (Inches)	Width (A)	Length (B)
Youth Extra Small	16"	20.5"
Youth Small	17"	22"
Youth Medium	18"	23.5"
Youth Large	19"	25"
Youth Extra Large	20"	26.5"

SPECIFICATIONS		
SIZE (Inches)	Width (A)	Length (B)
Youth Extra Small	15"	19"
Youth Small	17"	21.25"
Youth Medium	18"	22.5"
Youth Large	19"	24"
Youth Extra Large	20"	25.5"

SPECIFICATIONS		
SIZE (Inches)	Width (A)	Length (B)
Youth Extra Small	16"	19.75"
Youth Small	17"	21.25"
Youth Medium	18"	22.5"
Youth Large	19"	24"
Youth Extra Large	20"	25.5"

SPECIFICATIONS		
SIZE (Inches)	Relaxed Waist	Inseam
Youth Extra Small		
Youth Small	10.5"	19"
Youth Medium	11"	22"
Youth Large	12"	25"
Youth Extra Large	13"	28"



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## **Dogs on Porter School Property**

We recognize and appreciate that dogs are significant and loved members of some of our families and that parents and caregivers, often during the morning walk to school and the afternoon walk back home, exercise their dogs.

We need to balance this with the acknowledgement that not all of our school community members (students and/or adults) are comfortable with dogs.

Therefore, please, when dropping off and picking up your child:

- ◆ **Other than school drop-off and school pick-up of students, dogs are not to be on school property**
- ◆ **ALL dogs MUST be leashed AT ALL TIMES and under the direct control of the owner**
- ◆ **DO NOT tie up your dog and leave unattended at any time**
- ◆ **ALL dogs MUST remain outside the school**
- ◆ **Dogs and their owners MUST NOT block entrances to and exits from our school**
- ◆ **Please keep your dog well away from our school entrances/exits**
- ◆ **Please keep your dog well away from our school playgrounds**
- ◆ **DO NOT wait with your dog on or next to paths where students enter and exit our school property**
- ◆ **Dogs should NEVER be off leash**
- ◆ **Dog owners MUST clean up their dog's feces and any residue**
- ◆ **Please report any concerns to the office**

While it is difficult for school staff to supervise school property usage during the evenings and weekends, the City of Coquitlam Bylaw Office has been contacted to help monitor school grounds during these times.

The staff at Porter Elementary School is working hard to ensure a safe and caring school environment and with your cooperation we hope to continue to work with all of our community members.



## RECYCLING AT PORTER

Our Porter students and staff are committed to reducing our carbon footprint - to make a positive difference in helping our beautiful planet, Earth.

Did you know:

- ◆ That all students and staff are encouraged to recycle their: organics; plastics and juice boxes
- ◆ That we established Porter's first Student Organic Waste, Juice Boxes and Plastics Recycling Team made up of Grade 3, 4 and 5 students
- ◆ This team of dedicated, passionate and caring students:
  - ◆ Have set of six stations for students and staff to recycle their items; three stations in our north wing and three stations in our south wing
  - ◆ Each station has three plastic containers lined with green biodegradable bags; one container is for organic waste; one container is for juice boxes; and one container is for plastics
  - ◆ Then, every Tuesday and Friday (or last day of the week) at recess, our Recycling Team empties the containers in each of our six stations into larger bins located by our gym and re-lines each container with new green biodegradable bags; the contents of these larger bins are recycled when they are full
  - ◆ This past week our Recycling Team introduced a new recycling program to our school, *Return-It School*; we welcomed 'RETURN-IT SUPER-HERO' to Porter this past Wednesday morning for an assembly; RETURN-IT SUPER-HERO' taught our school about why we recycle and how important it is!
  - ◆ You will now find six Return-It Recycling Containers located throughout our school; they look like this:



These containers can accept:

- ◆ Juice boxes (tetra-packs)
- ◆ Plastics
- ◆ Aluminum cans
- ◆ **ORGANICS DO NOT GO IN THESE CONTAINERS**



## THANK YOU PORTER PAC!

You probably have noticed several new additions to our north playground since the school year began. These items include: 9 log benches, 6 large boulders, 3 new trees and 3 large metal troughs. These items are part of the last phases of our PAC's North Playground Revitalization Project. In the Spring of 2017 we will have the final two phases completed; this includes the laying of some new grass at the west side of the new blacktop area and the 'cleaning up' of the gravel path between our swings and playground.

This will bring our PAC's North Playground Revitalization Project to an end.

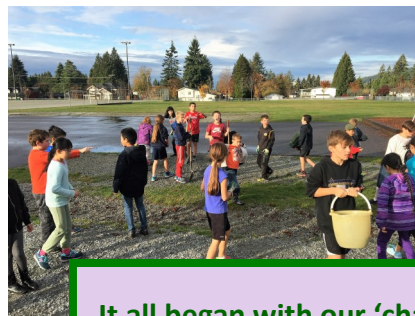
Plans are already being discussed for the next phase of our grounds revitalization; the tentative discussions include: new blacktop around our gym on the back (west) side of our school; the repainting of our blacktop games (four-square, hop-scotch, etc); several new tetherball poles; and two basketball courts - there have been no final decisions made.

**On behalf of our entire Porter School Community I would like to extend our most heartfelt and sincere gratitude and appreciation to our PAC's Executive and Playground Revitalization Parent Planning Committee for ALL of their time, effort, dedication, energy, passion, commitment, care and love with their fundraising efforts over the last several years in order to plan, organize, purchase, create and complete the many different phases of our Playground Revitalization Project.**

### Our three new Kindergarten Gardens:

As mentioned just above, you have probably seen our three new Kindergarten Gardens. These gardens, one for each of our three Kindergarten classes, were put together as a result of the combined efforts of our PAC, District Maintenance Department, all of our Grade 4 and 5 students, all of our Kindergarten students and Mme Crowe's Grade 3 class. It took one morning to complete our three Kindergarten Gardens. In addition, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for Mme Crowe's time, efforts, leadership, care and love in overseeing and organizing this morning of collaborative effort!

Enjoy some photos:



**It all began with our 'chain-gang' moving the crushed gravel from the pile of gravel to our metal troughs!**



**We really got INTO it!  
Each of the 3 troughs got about  
6 inches of crushed gravel.**



**Time for soil!**



**Merci, Mme Crowe!**



**We have already planted Spring bulbs!**



# Halloween at Porter





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# International Education Comes to Porter

Six Kindergarten teachers from the Beijing Xicheng School District, China visited our wonderful school and our three Kindergarten classes in mid-October!



## PORTER STREET PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PSPAC) 2016/2017 EXECUTIVE

The Parent Advisory Council provides parents with an opportunity to discuss matters affecting our school and the education of your children.

### 2016/2017 Executive:

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## Volleyball at Porter

Our Grade 5 Coed Volleyball Team are having a wonderful season. We practice every Tuesday and Friday morning at 7:45 am. We have weekly games against other elementary schools every Wednesday after school.

Our season culminates with our 3rd Annual Porter Grade 5 Volleyball Jamboree held at Dr. Charles Best Secondary on Wednesday, December 7.

Each players has demonstrated outstanding skill development and fairplay!



## Porter Soccer League (PSL) Update

Our Porter Indoor Soccer League (PSL) is organized for Grade 4 and 5 students. The majority of games are played during the noon-hour in front of many student-fans and family members who come to watch the exciting action!

We have 6 teams; each team has about 10 players. The teams include: Argentina, Germany, Manchester United, Spain, Spartans and Whitecaps. Each team plays each of the five other teams two times. This past week we completed our **60th** regular tournament game!

The playoff round begins this week with first place taking on fourth place in a best-of-three semi-final and second place taking on third place in the other best-of-three semi-final.

The winners of each of these semi-finals advance to the best-of-three championship finals to play for the coveted PSL Cup and a team pizza lunch!



## **PORTER STREET ELEMENTARY 2016/2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Ministry Curriculum Implementation Day	Monday, November 14, 2016
Schools Close for Christmas Break	Friday, December 16, 2016
Christmas Break Period	Sat Dec 17, 2016 - Mon Jan 2, 2017
Schools Re-open after Christmas Break	Tuesday, January 3, 2017
BC Family Day	Monday, February 13, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, February 24, 2017
Schools Close for Spring Break (Last Day in Session)	Friday, March 10, 2017
Spring Break Period	Sat Mar 11 – Sun Mar 26, 2017
Schools Re-Open after Spring Break	Monday, March 27, 2017
Good Friday	Friday, April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	Monday, April 17, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, April 21, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (2nd of 2 school-based)	Friday, May 19, 2017
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2017
Last Day of School for all students	Thursday, June 29, 2017
Administrative Day	Friday, June 30, 2017

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### *'Children...Learn What They Live'*

*If a child lives with criticism,  
he/she learns to condemn.  
If a child lives with hostility,  
he/she learns to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule,  
he/she learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame,  
he/she learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance,  
he/she learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement,  
he/she learns confidence.  
If a child lives with praise,  
he/she learns to appreciate.  
If a child lives with fairness,  
he/she learns justice.  
If a child lives with security,  
he/she learns to have faith.  
If a child lives with approval,  
he/she learns to like himself/herself.  
If a child lives with acceptance and  
friendship,  
he/she learns to find love in the world.*

*Author Unknown*

### *'What All Children Want Their Parents to Know...'*

*Teach me to love and care for myself  
Through your positive example.  
I will learn much more from what you do  
Than from anything you could ever say.*

*Notice me often,  
And take joy in my existence,  
So that I may grow up to feel special  
And know that I am loved.*

*Listen to me  
With an open ear and a loving heart  
So that I learn to understand my feelings  
And trust that my needs will be heard.*

*Play with me often.  
Let down your guard and be carefree.  
The memories will last long,  
And our connection even longer.*

*Focus on what I'm doing right,  
And tell me when you appreciate me,  
So that I learn to feel worthy  
And motivated to do even more.*

*Tell me more about your life,  
Your hopes, dreams, and successes,  
So that I can come to know you as a person  
And can call you my friend  
As well as my parent.*

*1996 Julia Loomans and her daughter Diane Loomans*